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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING PROJECT ON BERLIN

REFS: SAN JOSE 1850; STATE 104137

1. SUMMARY. US, WEST GERMAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO PASS BRIEFING PAPER TO GOCR; BRITISH EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED NOT TO PASS PAPER BUT TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION INSTEAD. END SUMMARY.

2. US, FRG, AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HAVE NOW RECEIVED APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENTS TO PRESENT BRIEFING PAPER TO GOCR. FRENCH APPROVAL IS LIMITED TO FRENCH AND/OR ENGLISH TEXT OF PAPER BUT EXCLUDES SPANISH TEXT.
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3. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS REJECTED BRITISH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT PAPER BE PASSED TO GOCR. MESSAGE ADVISING OF REJECTION STATED THAT SINCE BERLIN IS ONF SUCH LITTLE RELEVANCE TO COSTA RICA, PASSING OF THE PAPER TO GOCR MIGHT HELP TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE INITIATED A WORLDWIDE DIPLOMATIC

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OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. FOREIGN OFFICE
INSTRUCTED BRITISH EMBASSY TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION TO
FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER THAN HAND OVER THE PAPER.

4. FRG EMBASSY IS SOMEWHATE DISTURBED OVER BRITISH POSITION.
PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL IS SCHEDULED BEGIN STATE VISIT ON
JUNE 6 AND IT HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED THAT THE BERLIN ISSUE
WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE VISIT. COMPLEXITY OF ISSUE
WOULD RULE OUT ORAL PRESENTATION AS ADEQUATE PREPARATION
OF GOCR FOREIGN MINISTER FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION.

5. BRITISH AMBASSADOR KEITH HAMYLTON-JONES INTENDS TO
APPEAL FOREIGN OFFICE DECISION MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:
A) COSTA RICA IS SOLIDLY IDENTIFIED WITH WEST ON ALL
EAST-WEST ISSUES; B) COSTA RICA IS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE ON
INTERNATIONAL SCENE FOR A COUNTRY OF ITS SIZE, AND IN
INTERNATIONAL FORA HAS INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE WAY OUT OF
PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE AND POWER; AND C) BERLIN IS, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, A CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND COSTA RICA IS
WIDELY RESPECTED FOR ITS PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

6. HAMYLTON-JONES DOES NOT EXPECT THAT HIS APPEAL WILL
BE RECEIVED FAVORABLY BY FOREIGN OFFICE. HE HAS ASKED
CHARGE WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD AUTHORIZE EMBASSY
LONDON TO SUGGEST THAT FOREIGN OFFICE RECONSIDER MATTER
ON BASIS POINTS (A), (B) AND (C) IN PARA 5. CHARGE
REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT DEPARTMENT
WOULD ATTACH SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO DISTINCTION BETWEEN
ORAL PRESENTATION AND PASSING OF BRIEFING PAPER TO WARRANT
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APPROACH TO FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT HE AGREED TO FORWARD
HAMILTON-JONES' SUGGESTION.

7. SINCE ALL FOUR EMBASSIES ARE AGREED THAT WHATEVER IS
GOING TO BE DONE HERE ON BERLIN BRIEFING PROJECT SHOULD
BE DONE BEFORE PRESIDENT SCHEEL ARRIVES, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT S ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS
SOON.
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